The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:

a container cut off from the atmosphere;

an electroluminescence element in the container; and

a drying agent in the container,

wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more.

2. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

3. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

4. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

5. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

6. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

7. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

8. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

9. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

10. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

11. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

12. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:

a container cut off from the atmosphere;

an electroluminescence element in the container; and

a drying agent in the container,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption, and

wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more.

13. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

14. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

15. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

16. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

17. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

18. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

19. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

20. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

21. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

22. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

23. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:

a container cut off from the atmosphere;

an electroluminescence element in the container; and

a drying agent in the container,

wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more, and

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide.

24. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na_2O.

25. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO.

26. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

27. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

28. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

29. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

30. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

31. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

32. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

33. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

34. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

35. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

36. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:

a container cut off from the atmosphere;

an electroluminescence element in the container; and

a drying agent in the container,

wherein the drying agent comprises a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more,

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide, and

wherein the drying agent is formed by a sol-gel method.

37. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na_2O.

38. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO.

39. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the container contains an opposing substrate formed separately from the electroluminescence element.

40. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the container has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

41. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

42. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

43. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

44. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

45. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

46. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

47. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

48. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

49. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:

an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, wherein a drying agent comprising a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more is provided in contact with the second substrate; and

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate.

50. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the second substrate has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

51. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

52. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

53. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

54. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

55. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

56. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

57. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

58. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

59. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device comprising:

an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, wherein a drying agent comprising a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more is provided in contact with the second substrate; and

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the drying agent chemically absorbs moisture, and maintains a solid state after the moisture absorption.

60. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the second substrate has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

61. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

62. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

63. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

64. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

65. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

66. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

67. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

68. (Original) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.

69. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

70. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

71. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

72. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

73. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

74. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the electroluminescence element comprises an organic electroluminescence element.

75. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 1, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

76. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 12, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

77. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 23, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

78. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 36, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

79. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 49, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

80. (Previously Presented) A light emitting device according to claim 59, wherein the drying agent is separated from the electroluminescence element via a permeable seal.

81. (New) A light emitting device comprising:

an electroluminescence element over a first substrate;

a second substrate opposed to the first substrate, wherein a drying agent comprising a porous body having a porosity of 20% or more is provided in contact with the second substrate; and

a sealing member interposed between the first substrate and the second substrate,

wherein the drying agent comprises at least one selected from the group consisting of an alkaline metal oxide and an alkaline-earth metal oxide.

82. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the alkaline metal oxide comprises Na_2O.

83. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the alkaline-earth metal oxide comprises CaO.

84. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the second substrate has a concave inner portion, and the drying agent is formed in the concave inner portion.

85. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an organic EL display device.

86. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a video camera.

87. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a digital camera.

88. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an image reproduction apparatus.

89. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a portable computer.

90. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a mobile telephone.

91. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in a personal computer.

92. (New) A light emitting device according to claim 81, wherein the light emitting device is incorporated in an acoustic equipment.